

# OF NOTE

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## BLOOD

**United Blood Services, 768-1408, holds blood drives on Kirtland AFB at:**

- ★ Sandia National Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ★ National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, **June 9**, conference rooms A-C in Building 381, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ★ Honeywell FM&T, **June 10**, Bloodmobile, 7:30-11 a.m.
- ★ National Training Center, **June 10**, Bloodmobile, 7-10:30 a.m.
- ★ Air Force Inspection Agency and Safety Center, **today**, Bloodmobile, 8-11:30 a.m.
- ★ 377th Civil Engineer Group/Chugach, Building 20684, **June 11**, Bloodmobile, noon-4 p.m.

## BRIEFINGS

**General John P. Jumper directed that all Air Force members attend suicide/ violence prevention training by July 1.** All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on: **June 2**, 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m.; **June 9**, 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m.; **June 23**, 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m.; **June 29**, 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. Training is in Building 201, **June 17**, 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. Call 846-3305.

## CLOSINGS

**The Daily Grind is closed through June.** The coffee cafe reopens **July 9** and **23**.

## EDUCATION

**Scholastic Aptitude Test, June 10, 8:30 a.m., in Room 116B of the Education Center.** The test is free and available to active duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel. Register at the Education Center and receive a registration bulletin and sample test. Call 846-9933 or 846-8955.

**Critical Incident Stress Management Team basic level certification training is**

**July 9-10, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Distance Learning Center.** The team assists people and units who have experienced traumatic events like serious accidents or deaths. Call Capt. Paul Milazzo, 846-3305.

## EVENTS

**8th Air Force Historical Society spring luncheon, tomorrow**, is 11 a.m. at Albuquerque Petroleum Club. Speaker is retired Maj. Gen. Donald J. Harlin, former chief chaplain. Call Al Schwery at 889-9418 for reservations due by **May 28**.

**The 229th birthday of the Army is celebrated with an Army Ball, June 12,** Albuquerque Petroleum Club, 500 Marquette Northwest, Suite 1500. Social is 6 p.m. with program and meal at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Gordon Sumner. Tickets are \$35 for officers and civilians and \$25 for enlisted members. Contact Lt. Col. Post at 846-6611. Dress is blues or greens with bow tie for military and formal attire for civilians.

## FAMILY

**Pre-deployment briefings are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., or Thursday, 5 p.m., at the Family Support Center.** Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie or Jane Gates, 846-0741.

**Heart Link Spouses Program orientation on military life, June 10, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., is in room 1020 in the Consolidated Support Building.** Lunch, presentations by base agencies and door prizes are part of the program. Respond by **June 8**; invitations are at Family Support Center, the Chapel, both child development centers, Youth Programs, Family Advocacy, Military Personnel Flight customer service, TRICARE and the caterer at the Mountain View club.

**Veterans Affairs benefits and entitlements briefing, today**, is 1-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

**Humor Your Stress video and discussion program, June 7**, is 10 a.m.-noon. Call 846-0741.

## MEETINGS

**Smart Ways to Fund a College Education workshop is June 15**, noon and 6 p.m., at Kirtland Federal Credit Union Education Center Room A, 6440 Gibson Boulevard. The workshop covers calculating the cost of college education, tax advantage savings plans, income tax and estate planning advantages and choosing a funding option. Call 254-4384.

**American Federation of Government Employees Local 2263 meets the second Tuesday** of each month, 4:15 p.m., in the Civil Air Patrol Conference Room, Building 926. All bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. Call 846-4363, fax, 853-2343 or afge.2263@kirtland.af.mil. The union's Web site is www.afge2263.org.

**Military Widows and Widowers Group meets tomorrow, 9:30 a.m., at the Chapel annex.** Program is a silent auction with potluck. Call Marjorie Bowling, 294-1090.

**Boy Scout Troop 911 meets every Monday, 7 p.m., at New Life Baptist Church.** Call Scoutmaster Mike Sharp at 203-4882, Chris Nater at 249-3950 or Nat Thongchua at 898-2554. A Cub Scout troop is also available for boys younger than 10.5 years old.

## ODDS/ENDS

**Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 5-kilometer fund-raiser run and walk, June 13**, is at the balloon fiesta park. Register at the Health and Wellness Center. Information is at www.nmraceforthe cure.com.

**Easter Bunny photos purchased from the Company Grade Officers Council during the base egg hunt** are available by calling 259-5200.

**Computer class for military spouses, May-September, are offered in the Distance Learning Center.** Call 846-0741 or 846-0751 to register.

**Tobacco cessation program at the Health and Wellness Center, Building 20238** next to the East Fitness Center is five-weeks. Group session includes understanding addiction, behavior and stress management, fitness, nutrition and relapse prevention techniques. Classes are **Wednesdays**, 11:30 a.m., and **Thursdays**, 5:30 p.m. Call 846-1186.

## PERSONNEL

**June 15 is the application date for nonrated officers for developmental education.** Complete information and addresses are at Military Personnel Flights or online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/AFIT05Message.

**myPay personal identification numbers are available by e-mail on official Air Force e-mail accounts.** Military members and retirees, annuitants and DOD and DOE civilian employees should visit https://mypay.dfas.mil.

**Air Force Reserve is an option for continuing your military career part-time while keeping most of your benefits.** Retraining maybe an option. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

**Thrift Savings Plan Open Season is through June 30.** Federal Employees Retirement System employees may contribute up to 14 percent of their basic pay and Civil Service Retirement System employees nine percent.

**Civil service employees performing military duty are placed on Leave Without Pay-Uniformed Services** unless the employee chooses to be separated. Submit a Request for Personnel Action, SF-52. For information, contact Alfreda L. Fain, 846-8953.

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## ROADS

**The Post Office vehicle mailbox traffic route has been reconfigured with** directional arrows on the pavement to help customers safely handle their postal business. The driveup mailbox is now located south of the building in the large parking lot adjacent to the Post Office and west of the Consolidated Support Building. An additional mailbox has been added. Access is from 2nd and 1st streets. Traffic through the Post Office remains one-way.

**Northbound Maxwell Street is closed between Aberdeen Avenue and Building 589, through June 11.** The closure is during installation of gas lines.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteer Appreciation Month Recognition Awards Ceremony and Picnic, today, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** at the Rio Grande Community Center. All TEAM KIRTLAND members are invited to attend.

**Magicians and storytellers for the Library's Summer Reading Club, July-August,** are being recruited. Three acts suitable for children of all ages are needed for the Saturday program. Call Marla Sturdy, 846-1071.

**Albuquerque Rescue Mission volunteers are needed for serving breakfast and dinners** to clients. Volunteers are recruited by the Chapel. Call Dave Goodnight, 346-4673, ext. 244.

**Volunteer escorts for Scout troops are needed to help scouts visiting Kirtland AFB** while enroute to summer destinations. Contact Kirtland AFB Scout liaison 1st Lt. Robert Hill, 846-5094.

**Helping Homeless Teens project, through the Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center,** provides toiletries, school supplies and first aid items for homeless teens. Donations are distributed through the Youth in Transition and Albuquerque Public Schools Title I. The collection is **through September.** Contact Bernice Reed, 846-2449.

## FORCE SHAPING

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Those colonels and lieutenant colonels who would like to retire but who do not have the three-years time in grade previously required to do so are also in luck, officials said. Phase II reduces the minimum mandatory time in grade to two years for a limited number of eligible people.

The career job reservation program has returned for the first time since 1999. It serves a two-fold purpose, Colonel Hayden said, helping draw down the force and balance career field numbers at the same time.

"Now is a good time to use this tool again," Colonel Hayden said. "Airmen in overage career fields, coming up on their first re-enlistment, are offered an opportunity to retrain into a shortage career field. If they choose not to retrain, they have the opportunity to transfer to Palace Chase, apply for civil service, join the Army or separate."

"In Phase II, we have more flexibility in managing each (career field) by year group than we had in Phase I," General Speigel said. "We will consider applications according to the manning health of the member's specialty by both the year group and the grade (for officers) or skill level (for enlisted)."

Because of this change, a greater percentage of applications will be approved in Phase II, officials said.

Additionally, as part of Phase II, enlisted accessions will drop by about 11,000 to reach authorized end-strength levels by the end of fiscal 2005. Thus, about 24,000 new recruits will join the Air Force rather than 35,000 as originally planned, officials said.

"This accession cut would occur for one year only," said Maj. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, director of learning and force development at the Pentagon. "Then we will resume normal accession rates."